

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 146

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Samuel Henry Davis of Oliver Springs.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Samuel Henry Davis of Oliver Springs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Henry Davis served with acumen and alacrity for thirty-six years at the Y-12 Plant and K-25 Site in Oak Ridge, earning the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work until his retirement in 1988; and

WHEREAS, the son of T.V. and Annwood Bertram Davis, Mr. Davis was born on March 8, 1922, in Coalfield, and grew up in the Fork Mountain community of New River, where he resided until 1978, when he moved to Oliver Springs; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, Mr. Davis proudly served his country as a member of the 497th Armored Field Artillery Battalion; for his honorable service, he received several decorations and medals, including two Bronze Stars; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis was an active and devout member of the Fork Mountain Baptist Church, and he also attended Kellytown Baptist Church in Oliver Springs; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Henry Davis's greatest interests included politics and local government, and he served on the Oliver Springs Board of Aldermen for fourteen and a half years, where he was known for his conservative views and his strong consideration of the needs of his town and district when he voted; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Henry Davis also served as a valued member of the Roane County E- 911 board from 1990 until his passing; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Mr. Davis was a fifty-year member and past master of Black Diamond Masonic Lodge 625, F&AM; and

WHEREAS, he was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order, and many who knew him well consider this to be his strongest attribute; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Henry Davis enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Trula Justice Davis, and was the proud father of the late Sharon Hester; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis is survived by his wife; his son-in-law Jerry Hester; his granddaughters and grandsons-in-law, Jeanne and Mark Armstrong and Beth and Harlan Jackson; his grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Timothy Sam and Gerri Nelson; his sisters and brother-in-law, Helen Melhorn and Robbie and James Moon; his nieces and nephews, including special niece, Phyllis Henderson; and many of his special friends and extended family members; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Henry Davis leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor the memory of Samuel Henry Davis, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Davis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.